

## **Director's Coins, May 15, 2020**

**Nominator: Wiley Thompson**

**Recipient: Wayne Jardine, Extension Computing Technology Unit**

Recognized for his exemplary service, Wayne has gone above and beyond the call of duty to plan, source, and install security cameras and video recording systems in our county offices. With the increase in antagonistic encounters, it is more critical than ever that we provide a secure workplace as well as the ability to monitor our facilities and protect Extension resources after hours. Upon request Wayne immediately deploys to distant offices to work with local staff to develop an IT-supportable security plan. Equipping a number of offices already, his blueprint is fast being adopted as the standard for security technology planning across the state. His efforts have greatly increased morale and the safety of our off-campus Extension teams. Wayne's selfless service and commitment to his off-campus colleagues are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Extension Service and reflect distinct credit upon himself, the Extension Service, and Oregon State University.

**Nominator: Jeff Sherman**

**Recipient: Wiley Thompson, Regional Director - Coast Region**

This coin serves to recognize Dr. Wiley Thompson's exemplary service on behalf of the employees of the Oregon State University Extension Service. In his tenure with OSU, Wiley has coached Women's Lacrosse, mentored Veteran students and their families, served as a vocal ally and supporter for LGBT employees, and helped to create new forms of recognition for Extension employees through the development and creation of this very Extension Director's Coin for Excellence. Wiley, since coming to OSU, you have sought to create recognition for OSU Extension employees, OSU students, and community members, without worrying about your own recognition. It is extremely fitting that you receive your own coin and recognition, today.

**Nominator: Grace Corry, EPA in Tillamook County**

**Recipient: Wiley Thompson, Regional Director - Coast Region**

Within a short while of joining the coastal region as our Regional Director, it became clear that Wiley was an exceptional leader and teammate. Employees quickly discovered Wiley to be an unwavering ally, cheerleader and advocate for everyone on our team. Whether he is reminding us that “life is about choices” or composing regional emails which advocate for our safety and well-being, Wiley consistently encourages our success as individuals, not just employees. Anyone who has experienced his leadership knows that Wiley will support them through growth and struggle, both personally and professionally. He works in partnership with us and provides support that enables us to implement effective Extension programs, address challenges, and shine a spotlight on our successes. Thank you for your support, Wiley!

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**Recipient: Elsa Curtis, Extension Admin/DEI**

During the period of remote work in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, Elsa shouldered the full responsibilities of delivering all Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion programming and services to the entire Extension Service. This is above and beyond what is normally asked of her. In addition to administering the Civil Rights program, Elsa hosted and facilitated Diversity Champions meetings, participated in Collaborative Meetings, and advised senior Extension leadership while supporting the DEI needs of faculty and staff from across the state. Elsa stepped-up in a very different and difficult time and made a difference for all of us. Elsa’s passion for her work is simply exceptional and her commitment to innovatively serve her fellow employees are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Extension Service and reflect distinct credit upon herself, the Extension Service, and Oregon State University.

**Nominator: Nicole Strong**

**Recipient: Ashley Thompson, Wasco County**

Exemplary leadership and service to protect Columbia Gorge Migrant Workers and a \$70 Mill. Orchard Industry. Ashley has provided leadership in Wasco and Hood River Counties, partnering with the Governor's office and Mid-Columbia Economic Development to disseminate appropriate information to orchardists to protect our vulnerable farm worker population, and collect orchardists' needs and concerns, data used to procure proper protective materials from Unified Command. Ashley has provided growers with best practices for COVID-19, screening

tools, and PSAs in English and Spanish that can be posted around farmworker cabins and rest areas. She has helped public health physicians draft appropriate guidelines for farmers, as many physicians are unaware of other regulations like FISMA and GAP that inform agricultural practices.

**Nominator: Dusti Linnell**

**Recipient: Lauren Kraemer, Hood River County**

Lauren has demonstrated exemplary service by leading efforts in her region to protect migrant farm workers and their families in the Columbia Gorge region from COVID-19 and to help agriculture businesses to prepare for the arrival of migrant workers and enforce safety practices. She has worked with her county's Agriculture faculty and other FCH faculty across the state, including Lauren Tobey and Glenda Hyde, to develop high speed hand washing protocols that are culturally relevant and feasible for the orchard setting. She is also helping to determine other ways to reduce the spread of COVID-19 on orchards including increasing toilets, providing face coverings, and other evidence-based strategies. I believe Lauren is worthy of recognition for her service to support those most vulnerable to the virus.

**Nominator: Rich Riggs**

**Recipient: Josh Davalos, Marion County**

Serving in the role of Marion County 4-H faculty member during the height of the COVID 19 crisis, Josh Davalos developed an innovative, weekly at-home activity for youth to stay healthy and engaged while unable to meet in person. To ensure the handout was available to the broadest audience it was provided in Spanish and English and included cross program activities focusing on connecting youth, nutritional activities, and developing computer, mathematics and language skills that engaged the entire family. The handout was distributed to all six administrative regions and immediately adopted across the state. His activities were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Extension Service.

**Nominator: Rich Riggs**

**Recipient: Melanie McCabe, Marion County**

Serving in the role of Marion County 4-H faculty member during the height of the COVID 19 crisis, Melanie McCabe developed an innovative, weekly at-home activity for youth to stay healthy and engaged while unable to meet in person. To ensure the handout was available to the broadest audience it was provided in Spanish and English and included cross program activities focusing on connecting youth, nutritional activities, and developing computer, mathematics and language skills that engaged the entire family. The handout was distributed to all six administrative regions and immediately adopted across the state. Her activities were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Extension Service.

**Nominator: Rich Riggs**

**Recipient: Kelly Noack, Marion County**

Serving in the role of Marion County 4-H faculty member during the height of the COVID 19 crisis, Kelly Noack developed an innovative, weekly at-home activity for youth to stay healthy and engaged while unable to meet in person. To ensure the handout was available to the broadest audience it was provided in Spanish and English and included cross program activities focusing on connecting youth, nutritional activities, and developing computer, mathematics and language skills that engaged the entire family. The handout was distributed to all six administrative regions and immediately adopted across the state. Her activities were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Extension Service.

**Nominator: Rich Riggs**

**Recipient: Abby Lewis, Marion County**

Serving in the role of Marion County 4-H educational program assistant during the height of the COVID 19 crisis, Abby Lewis helped develop an innovative, weekly at-home activity for youth to stay healthy and engaged while unable to meet in person. To ensure the handout was available to the broadest audience it was provided in Spanish and English and included cross program activities focusing on connecting youth, nutritional activities, and developing computer, mathematics and language skills that engaged the entire family. The handout was distributed to

all six administrative regions and immediately adopted across the state. Her activities were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Extension Service.

**Nominator: Rich Riggs**

**Recipient: Carly Kristofik, Marion County**

Serving in the role of Marion County SNAP-Ed faculty member during the height of the COVID 19 crisis, Carly Kristofik developed an innovative, weekly at-home activity for youth to stay healthy and engaged while unable to meet in person. To ensure the handout was available to the broadest audience it was in provided in Spanish and English and included cross program activities focusing on connecting youth, nutritional activities, and developing computer, mathematics and language skills that engaged the entire family. The handout was distributed to all six administrative regions and immediately adopted across the state. Her activities were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Extension Service.

**Nominator: Rich Riggs**

**Recipient: Heidy Castillo, VOLUNTEER in Marion County**

Serving as a volunteer for the Marion County 4-H program during the height of the COVID 19 crisis, Heidy Castillo developed an innovative, weekly at-home activity for youth to stay healthy and engaged while unable to meet in person. To ensure the handout was available to the broadest audience it was in provided in Spanish and English and included cross program activities focusing on connecting youth, nutritional activities, and developing computer, mathematics and language skills that engaged the entire family. The handout was distributed to all six administrative regions and immediately adopted across the state. Her activities were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Extension Service.

**Nominator: Rich Riggs**

**Recipient: Elli Korthuis (pronounced court-house), Benton County**

Serving as a Benton County 4-H faculty member during the height of the COVID 19 crisis, Elli Korthuis developed and produced an engaging Tucker the 4-H dog video to accompany a

weekly at-home activity pamphlet for youth to stay healthy and engaged while unable to meet in person. To ensure the broadest accessibility for 4-H youth and families the video was subtitled in Spanish and English and Tucker demonstrated the cross program activities that were focused on connecting youth, nutritional activities, and developing computer, mathematics and language skills that engaged the entire family. The video and its accompanying handout were distributed to all six administrative regions and immediately adopted across the state. Her activities were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Extension Service.